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Letter dated 4 August 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on another uncoordinated visit of the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine, by a Russian delegation led by the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, on 4 August 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on yet another uncoordinated visit of the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine, by a Russian delegation led by the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, on 4 August 2017

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its strong protest against yet another visit uncoordinated with Ukraine of the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine, by a Russian delegation led by the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, on 4 August 2017.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine has repeatedly emphasized the inadmissibility of visits by Russian officials of the sovereign territory of Ukraine in its internationally recognized borders, which include the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, without coordination with Ukraine.

Ukraine considers this and other similar so-called "visits" by Russian officials as a flagrant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, a blatant and manifest disregard by the Russian Federation of universally recognized norms of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolutions 68/262 on the territorial integrity of Ukraine and 71/205 on the situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine), and obligations under bilateral and multilateral treaties to which the Russian Federation and Ukraine are parties.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine states that, according to the norms of international law, the Russian Federation, as the occupying State, its officials and the illegal "Crimean authorities" and their representatives who commit illegal acts and make illegal decisions bear full responsibility for those violations.